

Changes to the Conditions for Coverage Regarding Patient Care Technicians
Reference: Conditions for Coverage 494.140.e.1-4, April 15, 2008

<p>Qualifications</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet all state requirements. 2. High school diploma or equivalent. PCTs with greater than 4 years work experience as of October 14, 2008 who are lacking evidence of a high school diploma may use that work experience in Lieu of the requirement for high school diploma. 3. Complete a training program that is approved by Medical Director and Governing Body and is under the direction of a registered nurse. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the PCT has worked in the dialysis facility for <u>longer than 2 years</u>, retraining is not necessary, however the PCT must take and pass a skills test that has been developed by the facility and includes all elements of the new training program. b. If the PCT has worked in the dialysis facility for <u>less than 2 years</u>, the PCT must go through the new training program. 4. Be certified under a state certification program or a national commercially available certification program
<p>Training program</p>	<p>Curriculum must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Principles of Dialysis b. Care of patients with kidney failure including interpersonal skills c. Dialysis procedures and documentation (initiation, cannulation, monitoring, and termination of dialysis) d. Potential complications of dialysis e. Water treatment and dialysate preparation f. Infection control g. Safety h. Dialyzer reprocessing if applicable. <p>Specific information regarding available training programs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This program can be facility specific but the curriculum should be in writing with evidence of review and approval by medical director and governing body b. Tools available

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Core Curriculum for the Dialysis Technician</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Download and print entire book or chapters at www.meiresearch.org 2. Printed copies available from Amgen: call 1-800-77AMGEN. ii. <i>Standardized Training Program for the Patient Care Technician in Hemodialysis - Instructor's Guide and Standardized Training Program for the Patient Care Technician in Hemodialysis - Learner's Guide</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Available through the American Nephrology Nurses Association 2. Order on website – www.annanurse.org 3. Instructor's guide - \$18.00; Learner's guide - \$28.00
<p>Certification</p>	<p>Nationally available certification programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission – <i>Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT)</i> NNCC – 888-884-6622 www.nncc-exam.org b. Board of Nephrology Examiners for Nurses and Technicians (BONENT) – <i>Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT)</i> 202-462-1252 www.BONENT.org c. Professional Testing Corporation – <i>Certified Clinical Nephrology Technician (CCNT)</i> 212-356-0660 www.ptcny.com
<p>Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All patient care technicians must pass facility or college training program as outlined above. Facilities should maintain documentation of this training. 2. Currently employed PCTs must pass certification exam (listed above) within 18 months after October 15, 2008, i.e. by April 15, 2010. 3. All PCTs employed <u>after</u> October 15, 2008 must be certified within 18 months after hire date.